Staff Strength of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

3822. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total staff strength of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting;

(b) what is total amount spent on the salaries, wages and the consumables of the staff ; and

(c) how much is accounted for the salary, allowances, wages and consumables of the staff out of the total outlay for the Ministry in the Budget of this year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) The total estimated staff strength of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting as on 1st March, 1994 is 53,193.

(b) The total amount, spent on the salaries, wages and consumables of the staff during the financial year 1993-94 is estimated as under :—

(Rs. in crore)

Detailed head		Amount
1.	Salaries	187.33
2.	Wages	Nil
3.	Consumables	20.26
	Total	207.59

(c) Out of the total Budget Estimates 1994-95 of Rs. 1491.69 crores under Plan and Non-Plan of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Salaries, allowances, wages and consumables of the staff account for as under :—

(Rs. in crore)

Detailed head		Amount
1.	Salaries	168.78
2.	Allowances	35.86
3.	Wages	—
4.	Consumables	24.26
	Total :	228.90

CAG's Remarks on the working of Doordarshan and AIR

3823. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the adverse remarks passed by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the working of Doordarshan and All India Radio ;

(b) whether Government have taken a note of the said remarks;

(c) what action Government propose to take to set its working right ; and

(d) what are the plans of Government to obviate such adverse remarks in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The comments are being examined whereafter, as is done in such cases, suitable remedial action would be taken to rectify the procedural and other deficiencies pointed out by the audit in each case.

Neglect of Artists of Maharashtra by Doordarshan

3824. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that highly talented young artists from Maharashtra are neglected by Doordarshan while preference is given to not so talented persons;

(b) whether the association of artists and TV stars from Maharashtra has submitted any representation to Government in this regard ;

(c) what action is being taken to give proper chance and opportunity to artists from that State ; and

(d) what action is being taken to overcome the discriminative attitude of Doordarshan authorities towards the artists of Maharashtra ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c) Talented artists are being booked from all over Maharashtra.

(d) Does not arise.

Amguri Power Project in Assam

3825. SHRI BHADRESHWAR GOHAIN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present position of the proposed Amguri Power Project in Assam; and

(b) what are the reasons for no physical progress at site inspite of being a long pending project, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) The scheme for installation of a gas-based combined cycle power plant at Amguri in Assam, with a capacity of 360 MW, was sanctioned by the Planning Commission in August, 1991 at an estimated cost of Rs. 408.25 crores for implementation in the State Sector. The construction work on the project has not commenced as financing arrangements for the project could not be firmed up. The State Government have since decided to execute this project in the private sector. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 10-6-1993 between the Assam State Electricity Board and M/s. N.E.I. Inc. (USA) for the purpose. The construction work could start after completion of all the formalities and placement of orders for plant and equipment.

गुजरात और महाराष्ट्र में गैस आधारित विद्युत् परियोजनाओं के लम्बित पड़े हुए प्रस्ताव

3826. **श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन जैन** : क्या विद्युत् मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गुजरात और महाराष्ट्र में गैस आधारित कौन-कौन सी विद्युत् परियोजनाएं 31 जनवरी, 1994 तक केन्द्रीय सरकार की मंजूरी के लिए लम्बित थीं;

(ख) ऐसी प्रत्येक परियोजना के लिए कितनी गैस या अतिरिक्त गैस की मांग की गई है ;

(ग) ये प्रस्ताव कब से लम्बित हैं; और

(घ) इन प्रस्तावों को कब तक मंजूरी प्रदान कर दिए जाने की सम्भावना है ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० रंगैया नायडू) : (क) से (ग) 31-1-1994 की स्थिति के अनुसार गुजरात और महाराष्ट्र की गैस आधारित विद्युत् परियोजनाओं के नाम, जोकि सरकार के अनुमोदन के लिए लंबित हैं, का अपेक्षित ब्यौरा संलग्न विवरण में दिया गया है (नीचे देखिए) ।

(घ) लंबित स्कीमों पर सरकार के अनुमोदन के लिए तभी विचार किया जा सकता है, जब कि केन्द्रीय विद्युत् प्राधिकरण द्वारा इनको तकनीकी आर्थिक दृष्टि से स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दी गयी हो और वित्त पोषण व्यवस्थाओं सहित सभी आवश्यक निवेश/स्वीकृतियां सुनिश्चित कर दी गयी हों ।

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